



Friday 3rd July, 2020

Dear parent/guardian of Year 9 pupils

Assalaamu alaikum / Peace be with you,

Ref: Holiday Homework and clearing lockers

During these difficult and challenging times, I hope that you and your family are safe and well. I wish to thank you all for your continued support with our digital home learning plan. Our pupils and staff resilience during this time has shone through. We know that, we have all done everything possible to keep ourselves well, motivated to learn and work during these challenging times. We have all been pleased by some of the high-quality independent learning we have seen from our Year 9 pupils and are looking forward to celebrating this in our end of year assembly and upon our return in September. All of us at Eden Girls' School, wish to thank you for your continued support, whether this be in encouraging your daughter to complete work or participate in enrichment activities, competitions or in communications with and supporting the school for your daughters progress.

We know that the increase in live lesson provision during Term 3 was received positively by our pupils and we have been impressed with the focus and determination demonstrated by pupils. The guidance below for holiday learning is designed to support retention of key GCSE knowledge as we prepare for a return to school in September.

Holiday Homework

As a school we strive for academic excellence and we know that this summer break is likely to be different than normal with more time spent at home. We have made the decision to set a small amount of work across all subjects to be completed throughout the summer break at a time that is convenient for you and your daughter. This is designed to keep learning of key GCSE knowledge as we transition to a school return in September. This work will feel different to the remote learning completed during term time.

Departments have produced summer work packs that will be **available for collection on Monday 13th July or Tuesday 14th July**, between 10am and 3pm or when your daughter comes for her immunisation appointment this week. Simply come to reception to collect the work pack during the time given.

We know that it is important to get the balance of holiday and homework right, so we have worked hard to ensure that departments set enough work to support your daughters progress whilst not overwhelming her with a lot of work. As a result, your daughter has between 5-10 hours work per subject that is broken down, making it a manageable workload.



As we move into an integral year for GCSE study, it is vitally important that your daughter engages well with the work being set which has been designed with the intention of supporting her academic progress during this challenging time. Thank you for your support.

Locker Maintenance & Cleaning – collection of items

The school Locker Company is due to carry out its annual Locker Maintenance and Cleaning. To facilitate this, lockers will be emptied in readiness and we ask that you arrange for your daughter's locker to be emptied. **We will be set up and ready for you to attend on Monday 13 and Tuesday 14 July between the hours of 1pm - 3pm to collect contents from her locker.**

It would be best for your daughter to come with you to clear her locker, however, if she is unable to, please make sure she **tells you the locker code and the location**. We will ensure that someone from the estates team is available to empty the locker for you. Any uncollected items from the lockers will be held by the school until the 1st September. After this period the contents will be disposed of. It makes sense for your daughter to empty her locker and collect her home learning pack on the same day. Can I also take this opportunity to remind you that the new academic year is now open to make your payment to rent a locker for the new school year, the payment goes direct to Prefect Lockers who will communicate with you directly with the details.

We know that you have many questions about uniform and wish to buy uniform in preparation for next year. Further information and guidance will be sent out before the end of this academic year.

During the summer holidays it is important that your daughter and the staff of Eden Girls School take a break from online learning and focus on wellbeing. However, we do know that some pupils will still need a **small amount of online** support so we will be **opening the Microsoft Teams Help Desk space on the following occasions throughout the summer break.**

- Monday 27th – Tuesday 28th July – 10am -3pm
- Monday 10th – Tuesday 11th August – 10am -3pm
- Monday 24th – Friday 28th August - 10am – 3pm

On other occasions teachers will not be available to support or respond to any issues your daughter may have.

Please do look out for our end of year letter from our Principal, Sajid Khaliq. I wish you and your daughter a lovely summer break and look forward to seeing her in September.

Kind Regards,



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